

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of May 30, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 11, 19, 21 and 25-27 have been amended. Claim 28 has been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 2, 3, 12, 23 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-11, 13-22 and 25-28 thus remain pending in this application after entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

#### ***Applicants' Interview Summary***

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned counsel during the personal interview on August 9, 2006. Applicants agree with and adopt the Examiner's Interview Summary as an accurate description of the substance of the interview, in conjunction with the following remarks, pursuant to MPEP § 713.04.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter with respect to claims 9, 17 and 26.

#### ***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claims 1, 11 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 1, 11 and 19 to be in a more preferred form. As such, Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

#### ***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1-8, 10-16, 18-25 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hugh (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0227487, hereinafter "Hugh") in view of Mander *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,724, hereinafter "Mander"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, changing a location of an item and updating a list entry to refer to the changed location. As discussed during the interview,

these features are not taught or suggested by Hugh or Mander, either separately or in combination. As such, claims 1 and 11 are allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 19 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, moving an item to a second list, wherein moving includes deleting an entry from a first list and generating an entry in the second list and copying the value for any property that the second list's relationship type has in common with the first list's relationship type. As discussed during the interview, neither Hugh nor Mander, either separately or in combination, teach or suggest such features. Claim 19 is thus allowable for at least this reason.

Claims 4-8, 10, 13-16, 18, 21, 22, 25 and 27 are dependent on claims 1, 11 and 19 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 11 and 19, respectively, and further in view of the novel and non-obvious features recited therein.

#### ***New Claim***

New claim 28 recites, *inter alia*, wherein a list entry comprises one or more item properties specified by a list entry template, wherein the one or more item properties is a metadata associated with an item, and wherein the list entry is a non-holding reference to the item associated with the item type and wherein updating the list entry includes serializing a shell link to the non-holding reference. As discussed during the interview, neither Hugh nor Mander teaches or suggests, either separately or in combination, such features. Accordingly, claim 28 is allowable for at least this reason.

**CONCLUSION**

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3156.

Respectfully submitted,  
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